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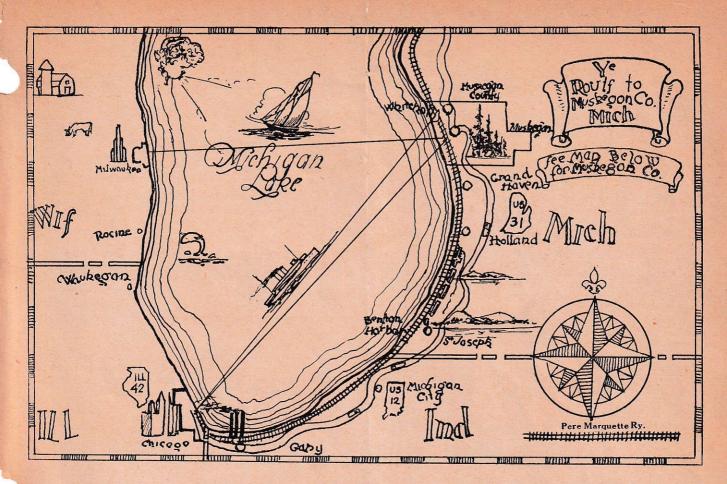
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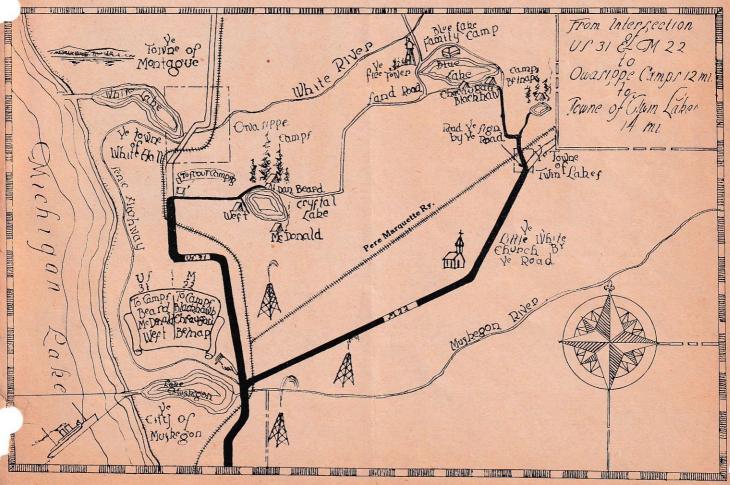
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#### A DOUBLE COMPLIMENT

The street car was crowded to the doors when it stopped to pick up a bent old lady who lifted, with difficulty, the basket of fresh washing to the crowded platform.

"Leave your load out here, madam," said the conductor, irritably, because of the loss of time occasioned by the slow moving old lady.

"But I daren't," expostulated the old lady, "the clothes don't belong to me, and they must be goin' with me."

The conductor was firm. "You and your basket of duds are in the way," he reminded her without offering to help her in the least.

The old lady was about to burst into tears when a fourteen-year old boy in a khaki uniform, who was sitting in a corner by the door, arose.

"You sit here, ma'am," he said, "and I'll watch your basket at the rear of the car."

The old lady looked at the boy doubtfully. So many times she had been taken advantage of, even by careless boys. The conductor was about to lose his head and was just about to issue a new ultimatum when a second lady sitting nearby said to the poor old lady, "The boy's all right. Can't you see his uniform. I'll youch for him. My lad belongs to the same organization."

The basket of clothes went to the rear of the car, and when the old lady wanted to get off a watchful boy lifted the basket through the crowded aisle to the street and thence quickly to the curb, then back again to the car in a iiffy.

"Who's the kid?" asked the conductor of a nearby passenger, who had watched the whole performance. "Don't know the kid," came the reply, "but I do know the uniform and you can count on it every time when a job needs to be done."

A compliment to the boy and uniform.

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#### A NEW SCOUTCRAFT

Once more, Scouts, Headquarters is in a position to issue to you monthly this magazine—SCOUTCRAFT. In its columns will be brought to you Scout news, coming events, stories, craft articles and Scouting information. Never before has Scoutcraft been mailed direct to each individual Scout. Beginning with this issue and hereafter this will be the practice.

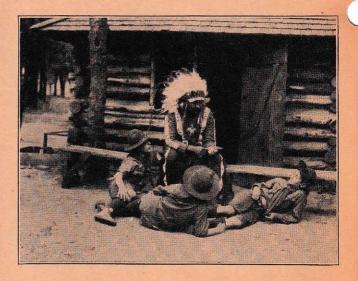
Friends in other cities have often praised SCOUT-CRAFT in the past. With this new lease of life Head-quarters, the publishers and the editors will undertake with your co-operation to make this publication the finest Council Scout paper in the country.

#### THIS IS THE STORY OF OWASIPPE

Scouts everywhere are thinking of camp. A few warm breezes, the breaking of the buds and the old camping fever comes over every real Scout.

This first edition of the new SCOUTCRAFT is dedicated to Camping. In it, Scout, you will find information concerning the plans for summer camp. Read it carefully. Show the pictures and printed matter to your dad and mother. Remember that the biggest item towards getting to camp is a great desire on your part to get there.

COME TO OWASIPPE, Scout! No where in all Scouting will you find a more beautiful camping spot; no where will you find a finer camp program or more wonderful buddies. Listen to the story of Owasippe as here told, then come to Owasippe's homeland and hear his story around the campfire.



#### THE TAKE-OFF

(By Gene Fontaine)

When a plane takes off the wise pilot does not "give her the gun" and zoom, but climbs steadily. Zooming the plane from the take-off stalls the engine and causes the plane to take a tail spin a few hundred feet above ground, too near to enable the pilot to avoid a crash.

And so it is with Scouts. Some will zoom for a few weeks or months and stall for the rest of the year. Others will climb steadily throughout the year by doing some real scouting every week. Their advancement by the end of the year will show them to be the real aces of their Troop.

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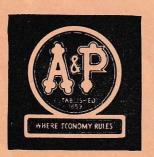
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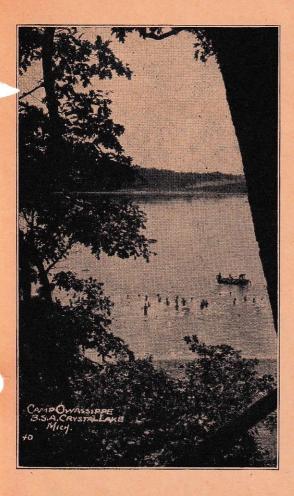


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#### A WORD ABOUT THE CAMPS



#### CAMP BLACKHAWK

For Scouts of West Side District

Camp Blackhawk, situated on the south shore of Big Blue Lake, is for Scouts of the West Side District.

The Camp has been built on a group of small hills. To the east is the dining hall and offices; in the center by the Lake is the Headquarters. On the surrounding hill tops are the camp groups. In the valley of ferns is located the naturecraft lodge. The swimming beach and pier command a view of the shoreline for miles. All of the camp buildings are of logs. Not a tree has been removed from the original forest except where absolutely necessary. Camp Blackhawk is truly a woods camp.

#### CAMP CHECAUGAU

For Scouts of the Northwest District

Camp Checaugau, on Big Blue Lake, is for Scouts of the Northwest District. It is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Lake. Formerly a summer hotel, the buildings have been converted into a beautiful, large dining room and other camp buildings. Wendell Lodge, a most wonderful log cabin, serves as Headquarters and library building. The tent groups surround a miniature bowl-shaped valley, giving all seclusion, yet easy of access to every part of the camp.



#### CAMP DAN BEARD

For Scouts of the North Shore District

Entering its nineteenth season, Camp Dan Beard is the original camp of this wonderful group of camps, and little more need be said. Located high above beautiful Crystal Lake, its capacious dining room and Headquarters building surrounded by tent groups, parade ground, unique camperaft lot and "Sleepy Hollow" below, it is indeed a hallowed spot for old campers and a promise of happy days for new ones.

#### AND A GLIMPSE OF THE CAMPERS

#### CAMP McDONALD

For Scouts of the South Central and Southwest Districts

"Old Camp Mac" is also one of the older camps. The famous "Merit Badge Lodge" was built on this site in 1916. Towering a hundred feet above the camp are the Crystal Lake Pines, magnificent specimens of the old forest. The buildings consist of a large dining room, Headquarters in the Lodge, handicraft shelter, the blockhouse used as a museum, and the hospital building. The tent sites are scattered back in the woods across a level plateau which finally curves down to Austin Lake. Here between these two lakes with her flags flying on a cable suspended between two gigantic pine trees, in the spot which means so much to Scouts from the Southwestern section of the city.



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#### CAMP JAMES E. WEST

For Scouts of the Calumet and South Shore Districts

Camp West, located on Crystal Lake, has for many years been the camping home for Scouts of the Calumet and South Shore Districts. Beautifully located in a valley of pine trees, Camp West is truly an ideal camping spot. The dining room is spacious. Park Manor Lodge, a log cabin, houses the Headquarters and indoor recreational activities. The handicraft shelter, and Trading Post are near by with the tent groups on hilltops and across the valley.

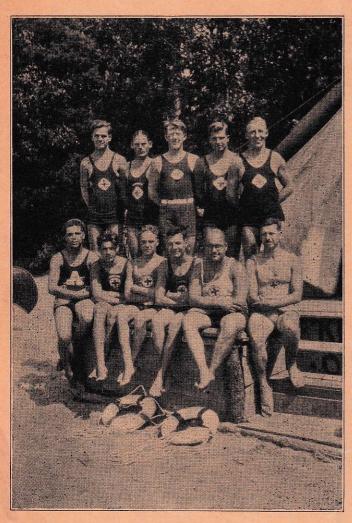
#### CAMP BELNAP

For Scouts of Douglas Division

High up on a sunny plateau between two beautiful lakes, stands Camp Belnap. With its log dining room, administration building and handicraft building on one side and with its tent groups on the other, little more could be desired for an ideal camp site. Miles of woodland surround the camp; innumerable lakes and creeks are within strolling distance and beckon explorers. Lake Ojibway provides a splendid swimming hole.



#### Wonderful Water Program at Owasippe



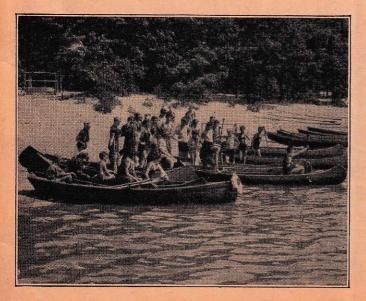
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TWELVE American Red Cross life savers keep every boy SAFE while he is in the water. Every known water precaution is used. No boy ever goes swimming without this constant supervision. The Owasippe Camps have never had a water accident.

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The Staff of Directors

#### CHIEF CAMP DIRECTOR Alfred C. Nichols, Jr.

Mr. Nichols, who is Activities Director for the Chicago Council, will be by virtue of his office the Chief Camp Director of the Owasippe Scout Camps. Mr. Nichols as a boy was a Scout, reaching the rank of Eagle. He received his early camping experience





and later became Director of the famous Philadelphia Treasure Island Camps. In addition to Scout camp experience Mr. Nichols has done considerable mountain camping and taken part in a number of Canadian wilderness trek. This will be Mr. Nichols second year as director of the Owasippe Camps.

#### ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMP DIRECTOR Victor (Roy) L. Alm

Mr. Alm will again serve as Program Director. His experience covers the entire camping field from wilderness treks and canoe trips to Institutional Camping. His knowledge of outdoor activities have long made him a popular figure amongst Chicago Scouts and Leaders. Mr. Alm has long been a Scoutmaster and now serves as the Assistant Activities Director of the Council.

#### ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMP DIRECTOR Craig Atkinson

Mr. Atkinson will be responsible for the administrative departments. He has attended the Owasippe Camps since boyhood. His experience on the camp staff for years has equipped him to handle this important post. Mr. Atkinson is a member of the Northwestern University faculty. He will be assisted by a staff of stewards, quartermasters, clerks and drivers, all of whom are well-trained in their particular work.

#### CAMP DAN BEARD DIRECTOR A. A. Kirk

Mr. Kirk is the Field Executive of the North Shore District and has been directing Camp Dan Beard for the past two seasons. He has long been associated with Scout work, first as a Scout, then as a volunteer leader and as a Field Scout Executive.

#### CAMP BLACKHAWK DIRECTOR James Hiner, Jr.

This will be Mr. Hiner's second year at Camp Blackhawk. Mr. Hiner is the Field Scout Executive of the West Side District and was formerly associated with the Lions Club.

#### CAMP CHECAUGAU DIRECTOR Stanley R. Miller

Mr. Miller will again direct Camp Checaugau. This is Mr. Miller's third season. In the city Mr. Miller is the Field Scout Executive for the Northwest District. His background is the educational field, having been connected for years as a principal in the schools of Aurora, Illinois.

#### CAMP McDONALD DIRECTOR Harry K. Eby

Mr. Eby, Director of Camp "Mac" for five seasons and Field Executive of the South Central District for over five years, will again direct the activities at Camp McDonald. Mr. Eby has long been connected with Scouting and has accumulated a great deal of experience and material.

#### CAMP JAMES E. WEST DIRECTOR Richard L. Van Horn

Mr. Van Horn is a newcomer in the field of our Camp Directors but he has been associated as a volunteer leader and as Field Executive for many years. Mr. Van Horn has an abundance of Scouting and camping experience and will doubtless carry on the fine traditions of Camp James E. West.

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Scouts leave Monday mornings on a special train. The train schedule is as follows (Daylight Saving Time):

Leave Grand Central Station . . . . Harrison and Wells Street 9:15 A. M.

9:35 A. M. Leave 63rd Street Station

63rd and Leavitt Streets

Leave South Chicago Station . . . . 92nd and Commercial Ave. . 9:55 A. M.

The return trips are made the second Saturday of each period and Scouts will reach Chicago on their return as per the following schedule (Daylight Saving Time):

Arrive South Chicago Station . . . 4:45 P. M. Arrive 63rd Street Station . . . . 5:05 P. M. Arrive Grand Central Station . . . 5:25 P. M.

Each Scout provides for his own lunch on the train en-

route to camp.

Visitors driving to camp follow Highway 42 to the state line where they hit U. S. 12. Follow U. S. 12 to Watervliet, Michigan, and then follow U. S. 31 to a point one mile north of Muskegon. Here Michigan Road Number 20 turns right and U. S. 31 left.

For Camps Beard, McDonald, West, and General Headquarters, continue left on U. S. 31 to a point 13 miles further north and 4 miles south of Whitehall. A sign marks the entrance to the camps at this point.

For Camps Blackhawk, Checaugau, and Belnap, turn right at the junction of U. S. 31 onto M-20, following this road for eleven miles to Twin Lakes, the first village. At

road for eleven miles to Twin Lakes, the first village. At this point will be found a sign giving directions to these three camps.

VISITORS' DAYS ARE THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS ONLY.

#### WHAT TO BRING

#### ESSENTIALS

3 Woolen blankets or equivalent. (Be sure to bring plentyit gets cold at night.)
Scout uniform (if you have one).

2 Extra shirts, suitable for outdoor wear.

Extra pair shorts.

Change of underwear

1 Extra pair strong shoes (not tennis slippers). 4 Pairs stockings (preferably wool).

Bathing suit or trunks.

Pocket knife. Scout Handbook.

Hand towels

2 Bath towels. Toilet soap. Comb. Dentrifice.

Safety pins, etc. 6 Handkerchiefs.

Pencil and paper. Heavy sweater.

Poncho or raincoat.

Pair pajamas. Scout mess kit.

Pack sack, mess kit and plenty of blankets are very essen-tial. Be sure these items are part of your equipment.

#### WHAT TO BRING DESIRABLE

Compass Musical instrument Camera Field glasses

Rope Laundry bag Haversack or Knapsack

The above lists are complete for any length of

#### Hold A Place For Me at the Owasippe Scout Camps

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#### SEASON 1930—CAMP APPLICATION

CAMP Beard Name.. Blackhawk Checaugau McDonald West Belnap I WANT TO STAY THE FOLLOWING PERIODS: (Check in proper squares) 3rd Period—August 4th to August 16th

With my home troop

As an individual 1st Period—July 7th to 19th ☐ With my home troop under troop leadership☐ As an individual under leadership provided by the

camp 2nd Period-July 21st to August 2nd 4th Period-August 18th to August 30th

☐ With my home troop
☐ As an individual

☐ With my home troop☐ As an individual

STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!

Attached is Dollars, being one dollar reservation fee for each period. I understand that application fee may be refused if camp is filled to capacity, and that it is not returnable. (Make checks payable to the Owasippe Scout Camps.)

Parent's Approval
GIVE THIS TO YOUR SCOUTMASTER if your troop is coming to camp. He will send or bring it to Headquarters.

IF YOUR TROOP IS NOT COMING TO CAMP as a group, either send it through your Scoutmaster, or bring it in yourself to the Activities Department, Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, 37 S. Wabash Avenue. BALANCE OF FEE

Balance of fee must be paid at Headquarters at least three days prior to beginning of period. No fees will be accepted at the train.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be purchased at rate of \$3.50 for one round trip at Headquarters at time of final payment of fee.

RETURN OF FEES

Under no circumstances will the reservation fee be returnable. No rebate will be made for unused portions of transportation.

Since a place is reserved for every applicant who arrives in camp, and the camp management makes preparations for a definite stay, refund of fees cannot be made. Changes in periods or cancellations of registrations must be made at least one week in advance of period reserved.

time in camp and no other articles should be added. Baggage should consist of one large suitcase or telescope, blankets being rolled separately or carried by a shawl strap or similar means. The Scouts' baggage is carried for them to and from the train and camp. No responsibility is accepted for possible loss of equipment.

All articles of clothing must be plainly marked in indelible ink, with Scout's name. A list of contents should be pasted inside each suitcase.

#### THE RATES BOARD

For one period (not including transportation):
With home troop . . . . \$13.00

or

As an individual . . . . \$14.00

For additional periods . . \$10.00 per week

#### TRANSPORTATION

\$3.50 for one round trip ticket to be purchased at Headquarters at time of paying for balance of fee. GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN NOW TO HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THE PERIOD YOU WANT IS FILLED.

#### **PERIODS**

First		100			July	7th	to July	19th
Second				July	21st	to	August	2nd
Third .	1		A	ugus	t 4th	to	August	16th
Fourth .			Au	gust	18th	to	August	30th



Prepare and carry foods in the Everhot. The Everhot is a thermal jug as well as an electric cooker.

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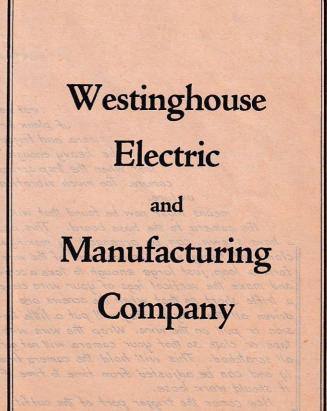
So that no contagious disease will be brought into camp; so the camp authorities may know any Scouts who have physical conditions needing special attention, and so that no Scout attends who is unfit because of poor health—the following procedure will be followed:

Every Scout will be given or sent a health certificate blank previous to time of final payment of board fee. He will be examined, preferably by his family physician, within forty-eight hours of his coming to camp. Or he may be examined at one of the Health centers to be named later where a physician will be sent by the Chicago Board of Health. There will be no charge for this latter arrangement. Ask your Scoutmaster the place and date. The Scout will bring this signed certificate to camp with him, and will present it to the camp authorities upon arrival.

This procedure is not only a protection to the camps but to every Scout who registers for camp.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Twelfth Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent." Opportunity is given the Scout to exercise his religious obligations in his own way. Catholic Scouts attend mass, Jewish services are held, and Christian Science services and undenominational service for Protestants are conducted every Sunday. Kosher mess is arranged at one of the camps for those Scouts desiring it. The objectives of the program of Scouting are "character building and citizenship training." The Scout Law is the law of the camp.



## BIRD PICTURES. BY UNCLE "RUFE"

The next best thing to really having the live bird is to have a good picture of him, and this is rather difficult unless you are willing to go to a little trouble.

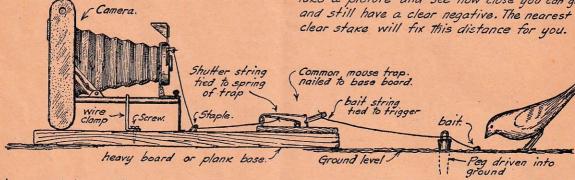
Pictures taken by the ordinary method thread. This string should be long enough to go of waiting in some secluded spot untill a bird operate the shutter without too much of a pochances to come along, is not only very tedious on the camera.

but never productive of good results. You The bait string is now fastened to the transfer must remember that the average bird is small ger part of the trap. This string should be and at the ordinary distances would show up as short enough to bring the bring the bird as mere specks on a Brownie negative. Some close to the camera as possible, without blut method, therefor, must be used that will ening the picture. The best distance can only able you to take close ups.

One way to get good bird pictures is with a trap camera, that is, we make the bird take

This is made by using a common little spring mouse trap (2 for 5cts). Fasten the trap to the base board with two small nails and connect the shutter to the spring part of trap by a small string or a thread. This string should be long enough to just operate the shutter without too much of a pull on the comera.

The bait string is now fastened to the trigger part of the trap. This string should be short enough to bring the bring the bird as close to the camera as possible, without blurring the picture. The best distance can only be determined by experiment. A good way is to put up a row of stakes about one foot apart starting about five feet from the camera, then take a picture and see how close you can get and still have a clear negative. The nearest clear stake will fix this distance for you.



his own picture. There are several good ways of rigging a trap camera, but the one I have tried to show here is simple and cheap to make and is pretty hard to beat, if you give it a fair trial.

Now if we look at the sketch the first we notice is a heavy board or piece of plank for a base board, to which the camera and trigger are fastened. This should be heavy enough and solid enough so that when the trap springs it will not jar the camera. Too much vibration will spoil your picture.

Some means must now be found that will ter, but be can hold the camera to the base board. This, as camera so that I have shown, can be arranged by making a on the shutter. clamp of heavy wire. In each end of the wire form a loop, just large enough to take a screw, operating the and make the vertical legs of your wire clamp will be necessed a trifle short so that when the screws are a shelter or a driven all the way in they will put a little tenkeep hidden. Sion or pull on the wire. Wrap the wire with tape or cloth so that your camera will not get nature picture all scratched. This will hold the camera firm boy Scout Hely and can be adjusted from time to time if to help you are it should work loose.

Now comes the trigger part of the outfit

Be sure that the bait string passes through a staple very near to the bait, because when the bird picks up the boit he is likely to walk or hop directly toward the camera, in which case the trigger would not operate if it wasn't for the staple.

To defermine the best bait and the best location you will have to study the habits of the birds somewhat, but don't forget that you are taking shap shots and therefor need lots of light. If in bright sunlight, so much the better, but be carefull, in this case, to place the camera so that the sun does not shine directly on the shutter.

If you have lots of patience you can try operating the shutter string by hand, but it will be necessary for you to build some kind of a shelter or blind, behind which you must keep hidden.

If you have some special problem in taking nature pictures, write to "UNCLE RUFE" at the Boy Scout Headquarters and I will be gled to help you all I can. The best season for this work is right with us now. Let's see who can show me the best bird photo this year.

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#### My Friend Comes Home with a Tale of Woe!

#### Adapted from S. P. Walsh's Cal Ruggles article in "Scouting"

"Why hello!" I greeted an old Scoutmaster friend of mine the other day as he stepped into my office. "You haven't been around here for a month, where have you

"I got a chance rather suddenly to make a month's auto trip and believe me I took it," he explained. "We drove east and had a glorious time exploring around the neigh-

Another lad stood talking with

him, attired in a cap, Scout

shirt and light grey plus-fours

borhood where I used to be a kid. Great trip!"

"Did you see any scouts?"

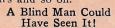
"Sure did. Looked for 'em. I didn't visit any Troop meetings, and didn't call on any Scout Headquarters, but we saw a lot of Scouts hiking and doing public service. In fact seeing so many scouts just accidentally, you might

say, gave me a thought that I've been saving to pass along. Maybe it's

mot new but it is sort of growing on me."

"It's like this. Until I took this trip I'd never noticed Scouts very much as I did not then feel the same responsibility and I wasn't observing them in any critical way. I've never taken a trip before where I could run across so many anyway.
"I guess we were trav-

eling right at the peak of the hiking season, and we saw a lot of fellows on their way to or from hiking spots; walking along the roads, waiting for cars and so on.



"I couldn't help noticing what a liberal interpretation some of those Scouts gave to the Scout uniform. In our Troop

their uniforms on a hike and take old dungaree pants along in their packs to put on when they get to messing with fires and cooking and games in the woods, but apparently that isn't the rule everywhere. I saw some of the darndest looking patched up outfits that Coxey's army ever threw away, and they were all labeled conspicuously as Scouts!
"Down the road ahead comes a roving mass of humanity.

A little closer, and you make out a scattering of bright neckerchiefs and Scout Hats. Half the gang are wearing Scout shirts with badges of assorted ranks. A few have high boots almost concealing flaming red or green or once white socks. Pants and breeches of every pattern lend variety and lively color to the scene. Packs are of all kinds, some neat, but more that aren't going to survive another half mile. Are they going out or coming home? It's not hard to tell; fresh smudges on tired faces and fresh grease spots on wrinkled breeches are the special marks of the homeward stretch.'

"I interrupted my friend to ask him if he expected every scout to afford a snappy and complete outfit for hiking. He answered by asking if I'd ever seen a clipper ship nearing her home port after a long and stormy voyage. I didn't see the connection but he made it plain.

They Came Proudly Into Port

"I saw a barkentine coming up to the tug off Cape Flattery once, when we were taking a trip down to Los Angeles. She was bound in from Australia. We passed her

close aboard, and we could see that every bit of paint on her hull and deck house was fresh, and every bit of running rigging neatly secured or coiled up. The brass fittings on her poop deck were shining, and even the canvas covers of her two

"March right up to the batkroom"

life boats were gleaming white. I mentioned it to an old seaman who was watching her admiringly, and he told me she was all that a ship in her situation should be. Since then I've read the same thing in books about the famous Yankee clippers. It seems that a craft was supposed to look her very best when she came into port, and her crew were kept that the homeward stretch with holy-stoning, painting, polishing, and that sort of thing. It she came into port, and her crew were kept extra busy on serving, splicing, repairing sails, and that sort of thing. It she's been battered by storms or soiled by dirty cargo they made special efforts to remove all traces of that before she got home.

"It struck me on this trip that there's a lesson in that for Scouts. Here they come, back to the busy streets where hundreds turn to look at them. There's mother waiting at the front door to welcome Jimmy home. And ten to one she kisses Jimmy at arm's length and says, 'My, how perfectly filthy you look! March right up to the bathroom. No, wait—brush that mud off your boots before you go

"I've read somewhere that in the last Jamboree there was a 24-hour Patrol hiking contest, and that the judges scored very sharply on how clean and neat the fellows looked when they checked in at the end. It sounded exactly right and proper. Why isn't there something rather good for personal pride and Troop spirit in a boy taking extra pains to scrub his face, hands, ears, and neck, clean the mud off his shoes and the grease spots off his shorts, and make his pack trim and ship shape before returning to the public gaze and the home circle.

They Won't Understand It "Oh, I know there's something heroic in looking as if you'd been on a tough trip and had barely pulled through, and at the end of a week's hiking in the wilderness it may be all right to give that thrill to a select few who come to meet you, but when you display your dirt and dust on the public highway and the home front porch it's not interpreted just as you in-

tended.
"I mentioned parades a minute ago, and it reminds me of one ago, and it reminds me of one other thing along this same line. We saw a Scout on traffic duty in the center of a little town who certainly was doing a lot of advertising for the Boy Scouts of America. He was onto his job all right, but his rig showed that he was afraid folks wouldn't realize how accounting and efficient he was conspicuous and efficient he was supposed to be. A flag was stuck in his hat band, and he wore a home-plaited chain strap with two



Looking as though you'd been on a tough trip and had barely pulled through

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tails dangling over his chest. A bright red sash set off his shirt, and his legs were protected by those Paul Bunyan boots that vicious shoe clerks encourage boys to buy. The socks were light blue, with a white stripe. Another lad stood talking with him, attired in cap, Scout shirt, and light grey plus-fours!" "Well, what's the answer, Cal?" I asked as he reached

this climax.

"That's for you to say—I'm a greenhorn in this Scouting business—but I'd like to see a little more said about respect for the uniform. Above all, I'd never let anybody speak of it as a 'Scout suit!'"

#### LICKED BY SWIMMING

This is the story of a Scout with whom I talked for ten minutes out in the woods of Staten Island. If he sees it, I hope that he will bear with me.

He was a husky lad, and I liked him the minute I saw him. His uniform was neat, but there were no merit badges him. His uniform was neat, but there were no merit badges on his sleeve. Embarrassment flooded his face when I asked him the reason. I guessed that it was swimming. He nodded. Then I told him that I didn't care whether he passed his swimming or not. What I did care about was whether he let himself be licked by something a normal man could master. Admitting defeat was the thing that harmed. Probably the next hard task would get the best of him. When his school lessons were hard, he'd quit school. He looked at me with startled eyes and muttered that school was no good anyway. He had planned to quit that school was no good anyway. He had planned to quit. Licked by his swimming.

Fighting defeat by learning to swim was a new thought to him. But I found out afterwards that he went after it and won. Moreover he is still in school. His name has gone and even his face. But in the battles that he is sure to face in this life, I'm sure that he will win, because he

licked his swimming.

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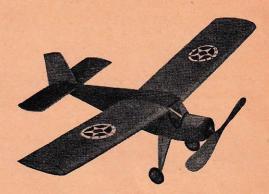
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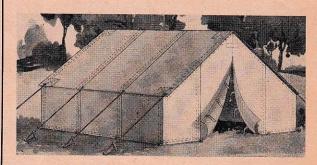
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